

## STANDARD CRIMINAL 2

### Lawyers' Comments Are Not Evidence

In their opening statements and closing arguments, the lawyers have talked to you about the law and the evidence. What the lawyers said is not evidence, but it may help you to understand the law and the evidence.

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**SOURCE:** RAJI (Criminal) No. 2 (1996).

**COMMENT:** The opening statement should not contain any facts that the parties cannot prove at trial. *State v. Bowie*, 119 Ariz. 336, 339, 580 P.2d 1190, 1193 (1978).

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